



If I Should Fall From Grace

Music Video

DVD

"Who is this insane-looking guy on the cover?" my roommate asked and, not having a shorthand answer at hand, I just exhaled, "Yeah." For some, the subtitle, *The Shane MacGowan Story*, says it all. For others, it's worth explaining that this title charts, through song and interviews, the drugged-out and whiskey-soaked story of Pogues frontman MacGowan. We follow MacGowan's trajectory from his first foray into London's burgeoning punk scene with his original band, the Nips, through five powerhouse albums with the Pogues in the early to mid-'80s to their messy divorce and reconciliation. *If I Should Fall From Grace* isn't for everyone—basically if punk isn't your forte, you need not apply—but for those inclined it's a solid watch. Included are videos/performances of more than 16 tunes, including "Paddy Public Enemy No. 1," "Infatuation," "Dirty Old Town," "White City," "Summer in Siam," "Lonesome Highway" and "Rainy Night in Soho." DVD extras include a sing-along option, extended interviews and outtakes with MacGowan, a conversation with the Clash's Paul Simonon and short bonus interviews with Nick Cave and Philip Chevron. (James Stanton)

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